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Five Perfect American Suburbs

Hey All,

Here are five perfect suburbs, counting down in order to the suburb with the lowest unemployment rate.

5. Poquoson, VA

Suburb of: Virginia Beach –Norfolk –
Newport News

Metro area unemployment rate: 6.8%

Median house value: \$343,923

**Safer from crime than this percent of all
U.S. communities:** 40%

Poquoson is a coastal city where more than 98% of the working population drives to work, mostly to out-of-town jobs. It has better public schools than 81% of all U.S. communities, and its public schools are better than 100% of schools in the rest of the state. A minority of Poquoson's populace holds a four-year degree (31.6%), and a majority are homeowners (81.4%).



No. 5 Poquoson, VA is perfectly near Virginia Beach and Norfolk.

4. Reading, MA

Suburb of: Boston

Metro area unemployment rate: 6.7%

Median house value: \$469,548

**Safer from crime than this percent of all
U.S. communities:** 52%

Reading is a family-friendly white-collar town. It has better public schools than 98% of all U.S. communities, and its public schools are better than 87% of schools in the rest of the state. Just under half of Reading's populace holds a four-year degree (47.8%), and a majority of residents are homeowners (81.2%).



No. 4 Reading, MA is on the outskirts of Boston.

3. Circle Pines, MN

Suburb of: Minneapolis – St. Paul

Metro area unemployment rate: 6.5%

Median house value: \$203,954

**Safer from crime than this percent of all
U.S. communities:** 55%

Circle Pines is a small city with a population of 5,407 — and more people working in

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computers and math than 95% of the U.S. It has better public schools than 90% of all U.S. communities, and its public schools are better than 95% of schools in the rest of the state. A minority of Circle Pines' populace holds a four-year degree (31.5%), but the vast majority are homeowners (92.6%).



No. 3 Circle Pines, MN. is outside of the Twin Cities.

2. Kensington, MD

Suburb of: Washington, D.C. – Maryland - Virginia

Metro area unemployment rate: 5.8%

Median house value: \$458,821

Safer from crime than this percent of all U.S. communities: 48%

The artsy, white-collar town of Kensington (pop. 1,924) has some of the highest housing costs in Maryland and the United States. It has better public schools than 79% of all U.S. communities, and its public schools are better than 82% of schools in the rest of the state. The majority of Kensington's populace holds a four-year degree (58.8%), and a majority are homeowners (63.5%).



No. 2 Kensington, MD is not far from Washington, D.C.

1. Edmond, OK

Suburb of: Oklahoma City

Metro area unemployment rate: 4.9%

Median house value: \$201,770

Safer from crime than this percent of all U.S. communities: 71%

Edmond is the sixth-largest community in Oklahoma. It has better public schools than 59% of all U.S. communities, and its public schools are better than 96% of schools in the rest of the state. Just under half of Edmond's populace holds a four-year degree (47.8%), and a majority are homeowners (69.7%).



No. 1 Edmond, OK is the perfect complement to Oklahoma City.

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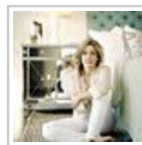
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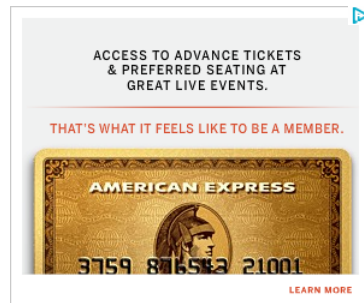
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